

Major Activity

Guide M-09, JPII Scholarship

Summary & Scope

Each year, our Knights of Columbus Cardinal Bernardin Council 12263 of Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church seeks to reward several graduating high school students with scholarships to higher education. The Council offers three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to John Paul II Catholic School graduating seniors who are Saint Gregory the Great parishioners.

The school has accepted the responsibility of distributing/collecting the applications and then for doing the judging. We ask that the John Paul II principal and his/her staff honor our desire to select the three most deserving students based on three specific criteria:

- Spiritual activities/involvement
- Scholastic achievement
- Community involvement

These are designed to recognize students who have achieved academic excellence, while also honoring the Lord and being of service to their community. We are honored to be able to recognize these outstanding students and their accomplishments and provide some financial assistance to them.

Planning/Timeline

The awards are presented at the school's graduation ceremony. In February, the Family Director should reach out to the school contacts to establish the calendar, based on graduation date, for when the school will distribute the applications, the due date they want to communicate in order to give the school time (2 weeks) to judge, to then be able to share with us the award

winners in advance of the ceremony so we have enough time to print the certificates and write/sign the checks (we ask for 2 weeks prior to graduation).

There is a cover letter to the school and then the application. Both should be updated each new year as needed with the appropriate dates/new Grand Knight/etc. and provided to the school in advance of their indicated distribution date. These are Word documents that the current/prior Director has and can share as needed.

A college counselor has been tasked with being the point of contact at the school, with the principal also to be included in communications. For 2025, these contacts are:

-Cara K. Buckland, Director of School Counseling & Student Support Services, 843-645-3838 ext. 234, Cara.Buckland@johnpaul2school.org

- Heather Rembold, Principal, Heather.Rembold@johnpaul2school.org

Suppliers

N/A

Resources Needed

Outside of the Director's coordination effort, there is not a big need for other resources. Once the schedule is determined, the Director should give heads up to the Grand Knight, Treasurer, and the resource who prints Council certificates (for 2025, this currently is Jim Kulach). There will be a tight turnaround of about 2 weeks once we get the name of the winners to then generate the checks and award certificates. In the past, we have had the Grand Knight and Director attend the graduation ceremony in person to present the awards (or whatever leadership representation is designation by the Grand Knight). The presentation is done towards the beginning of the ceremony, and then the attendees can leave if preferred. In planning, the

Director should confirm the date/time/location of the ceremony with the school and make arrangements with the Knights attendees as needed.